

Blessed Robert Widmerpool Catholic Voluntary Academy

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School Mission Statement

'We walk kindly in the footsteps of Jesus Christ as we live and learn'

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Dear Parents,

The first half of the Pentecost term has flown by! Please take a look at all we have been up to, as well as what we have to look forward to in our final half-term of 2023-24.

Music Evening

We celebrated the musical talent of so many pupils in our annual Music Evening this term. We enjoyed class bands, soloists, choirs and excellent comperes. Having worked with the OLOL Trust over the year, Years 3, 4 and 5 performed in a range of ensembles. Their musical talent and showmanship impressed us all. We were also treated to fantastic music from our Talent Show pianists and wonder choristers who have worked with Mr Davies, choir master from St. Barnabas' cathedral. A big thank you to our families for supporting the evening and encouraging our children to find the joy in music!



KS2 National Assessments

This half-term, our Year 6 cohort worked incredibly hard in the run-up to their National Assessments. So many of our Year 6s attended the BRW revision clubs before and after school, dedicating extra time to prepare. Throughout the week itself, they were the epitome of resilience and resourcefulness, fully committing to doing their best. We were glad to see the return of the daily sausage/bacon butty for breakfast during the National Assessment week. Thank you to all the parents and staff who supported Year 6 in the lead up to and during the week of the exams. Our Year 6 have much to look forward to as they prepare for their final weeks at BRW!

Ascension Mass

The feast of the Ascension was celebrated in Corpus Christi this term. We were welcomed by the parishioners, Father David, Brother John and Brother Andrew. Children from across school led us in readings, prayers and reflections, as well as joyous singing in celebration. We feel fortunate to be able to mark important feast days with the Church and the parish, and we thank our families who were able to attend.



First Holy Communion Mass and Liturgy

Congratulations to the children and their families who celebrated their First Holy Communion on May 18th. Fr. David and Brother Andrew welcomed a full Corpus Christi congregation to a beautiful celebration of faith, and sun shone throughout the occasion also. Blessed Robert Widmerpool also celebrated with our First Holy Communion candidates back at school in a Liturgy that gave our children another chance to commit to their faith and the BRW community a chance to show their support on their journey.

Key Dates

- **EYFS Sports Morning** – Monday 3rd June 9.30am
- **KS1 Sports Afternoon** – Tuesday 4th June 2:00pm-3:00pm
- **KS2 Sports Afternoon** – Wednesday 5th June 1:30pm-2:00pm
- **Class Photos** – Thursday 6th June
- **Year 1/2 Joint Class Mass** - Friday, 7th June 9.15am (in church)
- **FS1 and FS2 Joint Class Mass** - Friday, 14th June 9.15am (in church)
- **Open Afternoon** – Wednesday 26th June 1:30pm – 3.00pm (in school)
- **Year 5/6 Musical Performances** – Wednesday 3rd July and Thursday 4th July 5.00pm (in school)
- **Year 3/4 Joint Class Mass** – Tuesday 4th July 9.00am (in church)
- **Inset Day** – Friday 5th July (school closed to pupils)
- **Year 5/6 Joint Class Mass** – Tuesday 11th July 9.00am (in church)
- **Final End of Year Mass** – Thursday 25th July 2:00pm – 3:00pm (in school)

Finally, we wish you a restful half term and look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 3rd June.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Maylard-Mason